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BACK TO THE STONE AGE

REPRESENTATIVE PHILLIPS of Esmeralda county has introduced a bill in the assembly abolishing the publication of the delinquent tax list in papers of general circulation. Mr. Phillips is one of those statesmen who think it is better to return to the stone age and live as the cave dwellers did in primitive simplicity. It may be the result of an intellect atrophied by environment, caused by the utter darkness of Goldfield nights, where an electric light is as rare as a star plucked from the firmament, or perhaps it is nothing more than the demonstration of a suppressed human instinct that resents all modern methods. It is unfortunate that the author of this bill should see fit to include the entire state in the category of districts that believe in adhering to the primordial fanny of the antediluvian resident of the desert who was satisfied to exist in caves and live with a stone hatchet use his teeth in battling with the man-eating monsters that populated this land long before history was begun. If for local reasons, Mr. Phillips wants to inaugurate an era of retrenchment and bring about an economic revolution the Bonanza gently suggests that he confine his legislative efforts to the people of Goldfield for whom he was elected to legislate. By Mr. Phillips' bill there would be no publication of public matters in the newspapers circulating among his constituents for all such nonsense would be banished on the dead walls of his town and the bulletin board at the courthouse would furnish all the information that he and others of his kind would regard as suitable for giving the public. It is a wonder that the father of his measure did not go a step further in retrogression and restore the town crier with his bell and raucous voice parading the streets and conveying censored news and official publications emanating from the courthouse. The suggestion is one that will meet with a speedy and violent death which it deserves and Mr. Phillips will be held up to eternal scorn as the man of Nevada who stigmatized himself by publishing the shame of his own town to the whole world. This sort of business may do for Goldfield but not for any progressive community where the people take their local newspapers for the purpose of finding out what is going on. The best check on extravagance and jobbery is the home newspaper which watches and comments on events occurring from day to day and keeps the light of public scorn on those who prefer the darkness of the crackman and his pal, the sundigger. The country newspaper is here to stay and it will stay long after many of these Johnnies come. Lately boys are listed with the back numbers to whom they belong body and soul.

KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING

SENATOR GRIFFITH of Clark county seems to be one of those statesmen who believe that Nevada is good enough for her own people and that there cannot be too much encouragement for road-building to keep every community in close touch with its neighbor. He knows what it is to belong to a border burg from which the steel arteries of transportation have been severed and communication with the remainder of the state can only be had by traveling through another state. The senator is from Clark county which at one fell swoop of a railroad directory was left marooned at the extreme southern end of a vast commonwealth without any direct line of travel. He knows that the shortest route from his home town to the Nevada capital is by a circuitous journey through a dozen California counties and over two mountain ranges traversed at a considerable personal expense and inconvenience. He stands for better roads, roads that will be open the whole year round, roads that will be something besides a name, roads that may be traveled in comfort and security and he pleads for an appropriation that will connect the southern metropolis with the southern extremity of Nye county and ending at Tonopah where one night's travel will bring him to the state capital. The idea is good and should meet with encouragement for it means that Tonopah would be placed within a few hours automobile ride of Beatty, the Amargosa and Pahump valleys where agriculture is developing at a phenomenal rate. If Las Vegas needs this highway, Tonopah stands ready to back it up with her legislative delegation for it means opening up a vast back country which is naturally tributary to Tonopah.

BUILD THE SCENIC ROUTE

A movement has been started at Carson City to build the Walker Lake touring highway which would connect the southern country with the western and northern end of the state. The project should be scanned closely, for, much as the road is desired, it is not wanted at any price if the chief feature is eliminated. The new bill provides for establishing the road on the eastern side of Walker Lake where the sands hold sway and the wild simoom blows at all seasons of the year and laughs at man's impotency to control. The western shores of Walker Lake furnish the most interesting scenery of the desert and affords a welcome relief to the tired tourist after passing through several hundreds of miles of arid country after leaving the Utah capital. Advocates of the east bank of Walker Lake say the change would save \$10,000 or \$15,000 in cost of construction. They say nothing of the cost of upkeep or maintenance which would reach appalling figures in the course of a few years. If any evidence of this is wanted the inquirer is respectfully referred to the management of the Southern Pacific which has been battling without curbing the sands of Walker Lake for the past forty years. It is a well known fact that at frequent intervals during the windy season that trains have to

stop and the crews walk ahead to dig a way through sand which at depths varying from one to four feet across the entire right of way. Shrub planting has been resorted to without abating the agony of restraining the wanton winds from playing havoc with the scenery. If Nevada is going to build a scenic road let that road be one that can be used at all seasons where the tourists will revel in the full enjoyment of that glorious sweep of water while feasting his eyes on the granite ribbed slopes of Mount Grant. On the western side of the lake engineers would find a rock-built foundation provided by nature in her grandest moods and the matter of first cost should not be permitted to destroy the pleasure of a link in transcontinental travel of surpassing splendor.

When certain people start blowing the foam off of a charlotte russe it's time the United States went dry.—Lackawanna Journal.

A lot of women are going to regret prohibition, the way it will lead to their husbands' staying around home.—New York Evening Sun.

The horrendous thought occurs that Russia was the first nation to adopt prohibition. And now look at the darned thing.—New York Tribune.

CATHOLIC WAR COUNCIL URGES REFORMS FOR RECONSTRUCTION

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Adoption of minimum wage schedules, maintenance in general of the wage levels attained during the war and permanent establishment of the national war labor board and the United States employment service were advocated as essentials of a just reconstruction in a report made public today by four Catholic bishops, constituting the administrative committee of the national Catholic war council.

While favoring in the interests of health and morality, prohibition of child labor and reduction to the smallest practical limits of the employment of women in industry, the committee urged equal pay for women doing equal work with men. It declared also for insurance of workers against illness, old age, and unemployment until wages are high enough to tide over such periods, for abolition of monopolies, for continuance of heavy taxes on large incomes and excess profits, for co-operative merchandising in necessities to reduce the cost of living and for government-assisted colonization of unemployed farm lands by demobilized soldiers and sailors.

As a measure outside its present reconstruction program but of value in solving the problems of capital and labor the committee urged gradual participation by labor in the management and eventually in the ownership of industry. The report, entitled "Social Reconstruction: A General Review of the Problems and Survey of Remedies" was issued in the names of Bishops Peter J. Muidoon, of Rockford, Ill., Joseph Schrems, of Toledo, O., William T. Russell, of Charlestown, S. C., and Auxiliary Bishop Patrick J. Hayes of New York. As members of the war council's administrative committee they represent the Catholic hierarchy of America in general direction of war work in this country and overseas.

Declaring that "the deep unrest so emphatically and widely voiced throughout the world is a most serious menace," the bishops held up "social justice and a contented people" as the only safeguard of peace.

Discussing the demobilization of the military forces, the report endorsed the suggestion of Secretary of the Interior Lane that discharged men should be given an opportunity to work at good wages in reclaiming unused lands, afterward to be assisted by government loans to establish themselves as farmers. It credited the federal employment service with "a fair degree of development and efficiency during the war," and urged that congress continue and strengthen the organization as a means of helping to solve the ever present problem of unemployment.

"Its main guiding principles," the report continued, "have been a fairly living wage for all male adult laborers; recognition of the right of labor to organize, and to deal with employers through its chosen representatives; and no coercion of non-union laborers by members of the union. The war labor board ought to be continued in existence by congress, and endowed with all the power for effective action that it can possess under federal constitution. The principles, methods, machinery and results of this institution constitute a definite and far-reaching gain for social justice. No part of this advantage should be lost or given up in time of peace."

The committee asserted that in a few industries directly connected with the carrying on of the war, wages had reached a plane "upon

which they could not possibly continue for this grade of occupation," but declared that "the general level of wages attained during the war should not be lowered." The average rate of pay, it was stated, had not

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